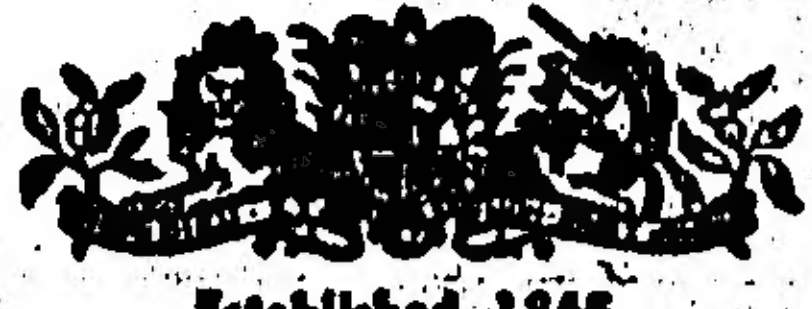




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IRREGULARITIES

MR Kendall's charge of malpractices by Hongkong merchants in trade with Vietnam requires official comment. Unfortunately he is not able to show how widespread were the irregularities. In his letter to the SCM Post on Tuesday he said only that "many" Hongkong traders were involved and both Mr Kendall and other trade authorities suggest that there are other factors involved in the alarming decline that has taken place.

WRITTEN OFF

THIS, however, is not the point at issue. A serious charge has been levelled against individual but unspecified merchants in Hongkong. It is up to the local authorities to investigate these charges and inquire why these irregularities were allowed to continue to the extent that one South-east Asian country has virtually written off Hongkong as a trading centre. If on the other hand Mr Kendall has not stated the full facts and more is known by Government about this particular case the public should be told. It is not suggested that Mr Kendall's letter reveals a new kind of irregularity. Similar cases have been brought to light on several occasions in the past. Nevertheless it is a fair request that serious allegations of this nature be investigated and findings disclosed.

A RISK

A POINT that needs to be borne in mind is that Hongkong, with the various measures it has adopted in recent years to clear its name of unfair trading practices, cannot do more than advise buyers in foreign countries that such organisations as, for instance, the Exporters' Association exist and that purchases outside its membership are made at the buyers' own risk. Also, if there are merchants capable of passing off inferior quality goods in Hongkong, there are buyers throughout the East willing to sacrifice quality and reputation for the sake of a bargain and it is doubtful whether traders of this kind can ever be induced to buy through safer and slightly more expensive channels.

DECLINE

BUT Government and the Chambers of Commerce cannot take refuge behind the precautions they have already adopted. The Colony's name is at stake and if the authorities are concerned about the prospect of repercussions—as they are certain to be—some action is necessary. Perhaps if there is evidence of widespread malpractices a Hongkong official might be despatched to various centres to confer with neighbouring governments on joint action. The Colony's trade this year is such that none can be complacent about a loss of the magnitude mentioned by Mr Kendall. Competition from highly industrialised neighbours and newly developing countries in Southeast Asia have made inroads into our traditional trade and pressure from these directions may be expected to continue. Indeed, in addition to some comment on the irregularities in connection with exports to Vietnam, what would be welcome is a full statement by Government on the extent to which various factors are contributing to the overall decline in trade.

UK GOVERNMENT V. UNIONS

Determination To Fight Wage Claims

London, Oct. 30.

The British Government made it clear today that it is prepared to fight a serious industrial trouble in Britain that might follow rejection of wage claims.

Mr Iain Macleod, Minister of Labour, told the House of Commons:

"I believe in this country we have lost our sense of perspective over strikes and I believe we exaggerate their importance."

A large-scale strike or a series of strikes would mean the loss of exports and would strain the balance of payments. But continuing to grant inflationary wage claims as in the past two years would put just as big a strain on Britain's economic position and affect confidence just as much.

Resumed Debate

Mr Douglas Jay, a former Labour Economic Secretary to the Treasury, had earlier resumed the two-day debate on the nation's financial and economic position.

He said remarks by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Peter Thorneycroft, yesterday about railwaymen's wage claims would be regarded by them as a declaration of war. (The Chancellor yesterday stated at present asking for higher pay for a special winter. The Government, he said, had no intention of giving the State-owned railways increased financial help.) Mr Macleod said: "We do not seek industrial unrest. We will not encourage others to create or maintain it. But if, after the process of bargaining and a reference to arbitration, serious industrial trouble still comes, the Government would not hesitate to meet that situation."

In Interests

This was because the Government believed the decisions it had taken were in the interests of "all our people." "If that is so, we will not fall in what we conceive to be our duty," he added. Observing that the Government was the largest employer in the country through the nationalised industries, Mr Macleod said: "In wage claims, where we are the direct employer, we will apply, and will be seen to apply, the most stringent tests." Mr Hugh Gaitskill, Leader of the Opposition, asked if the Government would meet a pay claim by the railwaymen if granted by arbitration. Mr Macleod replied: "We intend to make clear to everyone our continuing determination that we will not finance inflationary awards whether obtained through negotiation or arbitration."

Civil War

He went on: "I believe it would be disastrous if we got into a state of civil war in industry. It would be disastrous if there is a trial of strength of whether union funds or the currency would crack first. In such a senseless struggle there would be no victor, only our competitors would gain. Such thinking is out of date."

Mr Macleod said output per man so far this year had been running at the highest level in

RAILWAYMEN REJECT WARNING

London, Oct. 30.

THE National Union of Railwaymen today rejected the Chancellor of the Exchequer's warning that "disaster" would follow large-scale wage increases. Mr James Campbell, General Secretary of the 450,000-strong union, said on the eve of his departure for Moscow that all British unions must take up the Government's challenge "immediately." The railwaymen's claim for a substantial pay increase would go ahead, he stated. Mr Campbell and other union leaders leave tomorrow for a three-week tour of Russia as guests of the Soviet railway trade unions. Mr Campbell said that although the railwaymen's pay claims would go on, his union would do its best to avoid a strike which might lead to a strike. But the Government which had created the atmosphere and circumstances must be held responsible in the end, he said.—Reuter.

TORIES WIN VOTE

London, Oct. 30. THE British Government tonight won a 49 majority in the House of Commons for its recent measures to counter inflation in Britain.

These include a raising of the bank rate from five to seven per cent in an effort to tighten credit and keep down costs.

The Labour Opposition showed its disapproval of the Government's handling of the situation by forcing a vote on a formal procedural motion to adjourn the House. The Government won by 307 votes to 258.—Reuter.

Sino-British Trade Prospects Good

By DAVID CHIPP

Peking, Oct. 30.

The Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Chou En-lai, is interested in increasing trade between Britain and China, Mr F. J. Erroll, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade said here today.

Mr Erroll held "long and frank talks" with the Chinese Prime Minister yesterday after a four-week tour of the industrial northeast and central parts of China.

Prospects are good for a "steady improvement year by year as China becomes better informed about British products," he told Reuter in an interview.

In a meeting which lasted two-and-a-half hours Mr Erroll said that Mr Chou "showed great interest in the details of my visit and wanted to hear ways in which we thought trade could be increased."

CONFIRMED

"My impression of the prospects of trade between Britain and China formed during talks with Ministers and departmental officials was confirmed by the Prime Minister."

Although the Soviet Union would get the "lion's share" during the second five-year plan, Britain "stands a very good chance" of getting orders, he said.

Mr Erroll added that British firms would have to decide for themselves how much technical information it is desirable to give away as part of a long-term campaign to attract future Chinese orders.

Mr Erroll leaves here tomorrow.—Reuter.

Rolls Making Part Of A-Sub

Singapore, Oct. 30.

Mr Whitney Willard Straight, Deputy Chairman of Rolls-Royce, said here today that his company was now engaged in making part of the engines for Britain's first atomic powered submarine.

Mr Straight, who arrived today by air for a two-day visit in the course of a Southeast Asian tour, also revealed that Rolls-Royce was constructing a very large type of rocket of basically American design, which the Americans considered "very promising."

He predicted that in another 10 years, supersonic aircraft capable of 1,000 to 2,000 miles an hour would be in regular service. But the cost of travel by supersonic aircraft would be twice the passenger mile cost, he added.

Mr Straight will leave on Friday for Sydney for a visit to Australia and New Zealand. He will then go to Peking to explore the possibilities of expanding his firm's trade with China. He will arrive in Hongkong on November 19.—France-Press.

PRO GOLFERS ARRIVE



Dai Rees (left), Captain of the British professional golf team, being welcomed at Kai Tak this morning by F. Li Kim Hall of Hongkong. In the centre is Ken Bousfield, also a member of the team. See also page 6.—China Mail Photo.

GAILLARD WILL TRY TO FORM GOVERNMENT

Paris, Oct. 30.

M. Felix Gaillard, 37-year-old Finance Minister in the outgoing Government, said he would seek to become France's next Premier.



FELIX GAILLARD

Spy Charges Against Sergeant

Washington, Oct. 30.

The Army announced today that espionage charges have been lodged against a sergeant who admitted he sold information to Russian agents while he was stationed in Moscow.

The accused is M/Sgt. Roy A. Rhodes of Easton, New Jersey.

Maj.-Gen. John C. van Houten, Commanding General of the Washington Military District, said charges have been preferred containing two specifications:

★ Conspiracy to violate the espionage laws.

★ Singing in an official document in which Rhodes "Failed to disclose his prior association with Soviet agents."

Conviction on the first count could carry a maximum penalty of life in prison, dishonourable discharge, and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Rhodes testified during the Brooklyn trial of convicted Russian spy Rudolf Ivanovich Abel that he was paid US\$3,500 to US\$4,000 for information he sold to Red agents while assigned to the motor pool of the US Embassy in Moscow from May 1951 to July 1952.—United Press.

TWO FIRES IN THE COLONY

Two fires broke out in the Colony early this morning. Ten huts were destroyed and about 100 people rendered homeless in a blaze in a squatter area on the hillside above Tin Hau Temple Road, Causeway Bay.

There were no serious casualties.

A high wind was blowing at the time and the fire could have been disastrous but for the quick arrival of the six fire engines. The fire was put out within half an hour. Firemen used 1,000 feet of hose to get at the blaze.

KOWLOON BLAZE

Last November a large number of huts were destroyed in the same area.

The second fire occurred in Tai-Hong Village, just off Clearwater Bay Road near the RAF banger at about 6 a.m.

One man was seriously injured and was rushed to Kowloon Hospital. About 10 huts were destroyed. The fire was extinguished in 45 minutes.

WOMEN WILL BE ADMITTED TO HOUSE OF LORDS

London, Oct. 30.

Women will be admitted to the House of Lords under the British Government's proposed reform of the Lords announced today.

Lord Home, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, told the House of Lords that the Government's reform plan would provide for the raising of women to the peerage without hereditary rights. No woman has sat in the House of Lords since 1657.

Commenting on the proposed admission of women to the House, Lord Home said: "Most of the troubles of the modern world date from the time when women were given the vote, but I am prepared to treat that as coincidence rather than consequence."

Other proposed reforms include the appointment of peers for life without hereditary rights, parliamentary compensation for peers sitting in the new House of Lords and a specific ratio between lifetime peers appointed by the Government and hereditary peers.

Discussion

Lord Home merely outlined the proposed reform. The House will spend two days discussing the proposals.

The Government, after consultations with the Labour and Liberal Parties, will later present a reform bill which will be submitted, first to the House of Commons, and then the House of Lords.

Princess Margaret showed up unexpectedly while a member was discussing the proposed reform.—France-Press and United Press.

London, Oct. 30. Minister of Defence Duncan Sandys, in a written reply to a question by Labour member Arthur Lewis, said the additional military expenditure incurred in connection with the invasion of Egypt was about £30,000,000.—United Press.

Malay Trade Unionists Arrested

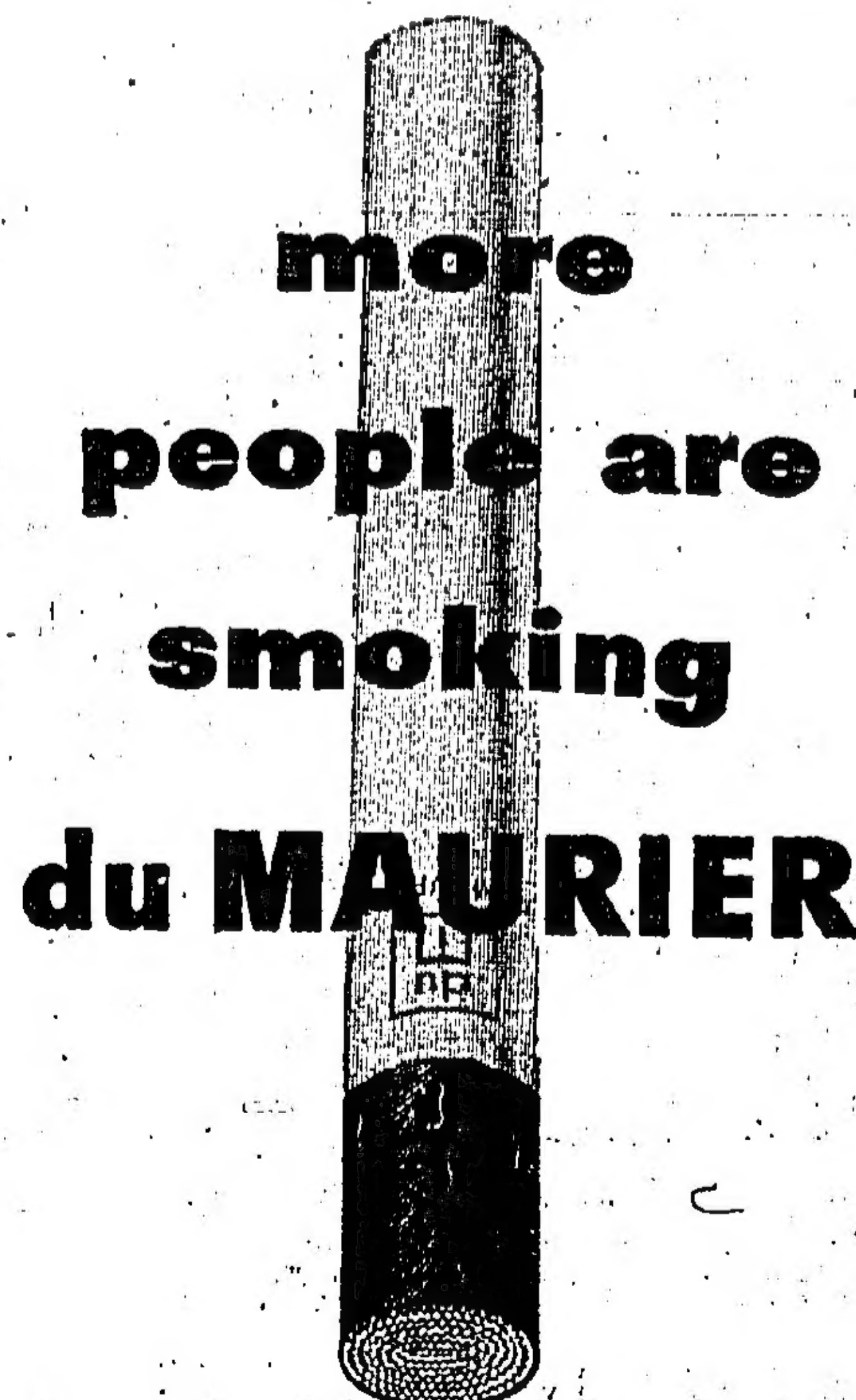
Johore Bharu, Oct. 30.

Police of this southern-most State on the Peninsula arrested 20 Left-wing trade unionists in a midnight raid today in scattered towns and villages.

Although the police refused to comment, it is understood that several of the detained men were employees of the Loo Pineapple Factory at Seudai which was seriously affected by a strike recently.

This is the first time that police of newly independent Malaysia have cracked down on left-wing unionists although their counterpart in Singapore had been busy the past few months smashing subversive elements, including trade unionists, political leaders and Chinese students.—United Press.

What do Hongkong girls in London think of English men? Read what David Wong says on Page 10



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remembrance Day

Sir,—For nearly forty years the British Legion has had at its first care the welfare of ex-Servicemen and women of all ranks, races and creeds. This world wide organization has a Hongkong and China Branch which assumes responsibility for all local ex-Servicemen and women who are deserving of assistance, and the calls upon its funds are many, as will be seen from the enclosed resume of our Benevolent work during the past year.

The Legion is entirely dependent upon the public for money to maintain its Benevolent Fund, and on Remembrance Day each year receives its appeals for assistance in the deserving and worthy cause, which is its main purpose. Despite the incessant calls on your charity, it is hoped that you will be able to give generously. Kindly send your contribution, which will be thankfully received and faithfully applied, to the Branch's Hon. Treasurers, Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Alexandra House.

D. S. HILL,
President.

Pen Friends

Sir,—Many of our members in different countries are desirous of having Pen-Friends in Hongkong, and we would therefore be very pleased to hear from any of your readers who are interested in having correspondents in Europe and other parts of the world.

Those interested should write to us with full personal details, and enclose an addressed envelope for reply. Hoping you will be so kind as to publish this letter in your esteemed journal, and thanking you in anticipation.

V. R. CROWLEY,
The Hibernian Link,
25, Talbot Street,
Dublin, Ireland.

To Attend Press Conference

Two journalists now in Hongkong will be going to Colombo to attend a conference of the International Press Institute which will be opened by the Prime Minister of Ceylon in November.

It is learned that Mr. Norman Sung, Managing Director of Pan-Asia News Agency will be representing his concern and the other representative is M. Lucien Bodard, a correspondent of the French newspaper, France Solr.

A Reuters cable said more than 120 journalists, including delegates from Britain, will discuss the flow of news from East and West at the conference.

Countries represented will include India, Pakistan, Japan, the United States, France, Germany, Australia and New Zealand.

PLANE FOR REFUGEES

A chartered Scandinavian Airlines System DC-6B aircraft will arrive in Hongkong on Saturday morning to pick up 62 refugees who are leaving for various countries in Europe.

The aircraft has been chartered by the I.C.E.M., and is scheduled to leave the Colony after an hour's stop for Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Abadan, Istanbul, Rome, Geneva, Brussels and Stockholm.

Rickshaw Puller Injured

A lorry knocked down and seriously injured a rickshaw puller yesterday afternoon in Belcher Street. The victim, Hung San-tai, living at No. 108, Third Street, third floor, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

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CID MAN CHARGED



Det-Inspector John Richard Hammettley (above), second in command of the Brighton CID, was arrested at Brighton last Friday. Also arrested was Mr. Charles Field Williams Ridge (57), the Chief Constable of Brighton. They appeared at Brighton Court later and were charged with "conspiracy for reward."—Keystone Photo.

Alleged 'Death Drug' Laboratory Sharply Criticised

Paris, Oct. 30. French toxicologist, Roger Lebraton, testifying today in the third day of the trial involving the drug "Stallion", which allegedly killed more than a hundred people and crippled several hundred others, sharply criticised the laboratory which produced the capsules.

Dr. Lebraton said that in the Fevrier-Decolsy laboratories, fungus growths sprouted from gelatine, the temperature was not even checked in the rooms where medical products were produced, there was no control over bacteria, and there was only one weighing scale which could not measure the exact weight of small doses of medicine.

IT WAS TOXIC

Furthermore, he charged, it had been known since 1869 that diiododithyretain—used in the production of "Stallion"—was toxic and could cause serious disorders, including coma.

Charles Vaillat, French Inspector-General of Pharmacy, took the stand to explain the operation of the French "Commission De Visa", which passes on new medicines before allowing them to be produced for public consumption.

Vaillat said the French system of pharmaceutical control "has been taken as an example in many countries."

A SWITCH

He added: "An American specialist said to me, you have many less accidents in France than at home. He gave as an example the catastrophes which resulted from the first use of the Salk anti-polio vaccine in the United States."

Vaillat said the "Commission De Visa" passed carefully upon new products, but charged that "Stallion" had been registered under a trademark of another product, which "Stallion's"

creator, Georges Feuille, had purchased.

Therefore the drug was not regarded as a new drug, but only as a modified form of the drug whose trade-mark Feuille had purchased.

Vaillat declared that all new products were carefully studied by the committee before being passed. He refused to name the experts who approved the production of "Stallion".

The trial will continue tomorrow.—France-Press.

Capetown, Oct. 30. American scientist Norton J. Rubin boards the Russian research ship "OB" this week to sail on a 16-month assignment alone with 150 Russians on an ice floe.

Rubin will be the only American attached to the Russian Antarctic Base at Mirny and will be co-operating with Soviet scientists in International Geophysical Year research. The scheme is one whereby American and Russian projects and Russians on American's.

Rubin, who has twice before been to the Antarctic but never spent a complete winter there, speaks a smattering of Russian.—United Press.

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Bank In A

Dilemma:
Freezes
Accounts

Birmingham, Oct. 30. A 61-year-old savings bank here today froze all accounts with difficulty because of the "general financial position."

The bank, the Ideal Bank Limited, announced that it was suspending all withdrawals and accepting no further deposits until its own position had been fully investigated.

At the end of the last financial year, the announcement said, the bank had £1,098,000 standing to its credit.

The directors' annual report quoted two matters which had been giving them "grave concern."

The first was that depositors' withdrawals had exceeded deposits over a period.

IMPORTANCE

The second matter, described by the directors as "of paramount importance," was the decline in the value of government and other similar securities in which a large proportion of the bank's funds were invested.

This meant that the securities could not, at this time, be realised at much more than three-quarters of the amount the bank invested in their purchase.

REDEEMABLE

The securities were redeemable at their normal value when redemption date arrived but the directors were faced with difficulty of the rate of withdrawal.

Mr W. H. Griggs, the bank's managing director, said the action had been taken because of the "general financial position."

"We want to do the best we can for the depositors," he declared.

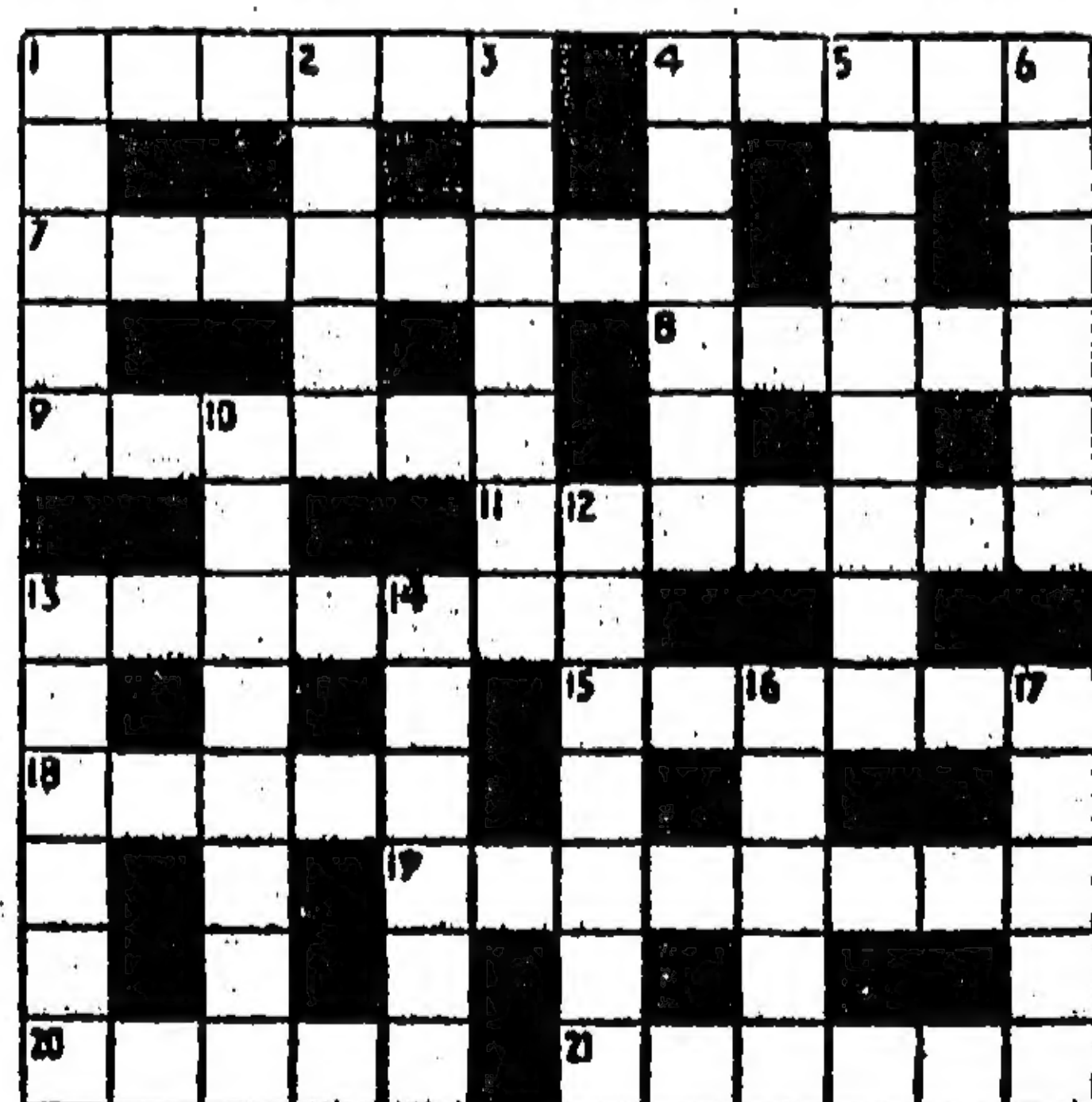
Mr Griggs was asked later to elaborate his reference to the "general financial position." He said he was referring to the bank's own affairs or to the situation in the country, he said. "The situation in the country."

"With a bank rate of seven per cent and people able to get five per cent on deposit accounts in the big five banks, how can a thrift institution like ours compete?"

Mr Griggs added that 97 per cent of his bank's assets were in trustee securities.

Mr Sydney Campbell, Reuters financial editor, commented tonight: "This is a case of a very small and highly localised bank which has got into difficulties for the reasons it has given."—Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- They make a light (6).
 - Coach Jack? (5).
 - The sound of cattle stealing? (6).
 - Broken plants? Might be (5).
 - Wrap up! (6).
 - British and Foreign, for example (7).
 - Volga shape (7).
 - Dan-had? (6).
 - Radiates (6).
 - This family plate, perhaps (6).
 - Keep your neck out of it (6).
 - Articles of wear in windows (6).
- DOWN**
- Russian material? (8).
 - Short introduction (5).
 - Do! (7).
 - The rift-rail (6).
 - Gazelle for example (6).
 - Off-stage bang? (5).
 - Long-legged bird (6).
 - They form the opposition (7).
 - Continental type (6).
 - Golf club (6).
 - Other Europeans (6).
 - Use a stop-watch (5).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Pick, 4 Remorse, 5 Evil, 6 Spar, 10 Fancies, 11 Net, 12 Side, 14 Serried, 17 Trail, 18 Ocean, 23 Yearned, 25 Ours, 27 Swim, 28 Malaise, 29 Biot, 30 Ogle, 31 Admire, 32 Tark, 33 Bower, 2 Down: 1 Babel, 4 Bluff, 5 Bladed, 6 Ocean, 7 Sister, 8 Race, 13 Stay, 15 Dive, 16 Idea, 18 Dens, 19 Less-on, 20 Combat, 21 Ardour, 22 Kink, 24 Realm, 25 Dwell.

Scientific Successes Of The Soviets

Ike's Role In Awakening America

Plan To Alert
Public Under
Consideration

Washington, Oct. 30.

President Eisenhower said today that plans were being made for him to play a part in what he called "The job of awakening America in the light of the Soviet Union's successes in science and the development of long-range weapons."

He said that the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Office of Defence Mobilisation was preparing a plan in which they hoped to lay out the part which Mr Eisenhower would play.

If this were feasible he would do it, the President said.

The President made this statement when told that Dr Vannevar Bush, the famous United States atomic scientist, had said he was not optimistic about the U.S. overtaking Russia in outer space developments, although it might be possible if the public were awakened and alerted.

Dr Bush had also said that alerting the public was up to the President.

Mr Eisenhower said that at a meeting with a large group of scientists a week ago he was astonished to find that their chief concern was not with the relative position of the United States in scientific advancement, but with the position in which the United States would be in ten years' time.

RAJAH
THE LIGER
SHOT

Bloemfontein, Oct. 30.

The only "liger" in captivity — "Rajah," the offspring of a lion and a tiger — has been destroyed in the Orange Free State.

Officials had the liger shot because they felt that, at 23, Rajah wouldn't be able to stand the heat of the oncoming summer season in the Free State. —United Press.

The scientists wanted to enlist his support for means and methods first of awakening the United States to the importance — the absolute necessity — of increasing the scientific output of colleges and universities and, if necessary, by helping where it became the proper function of the Federal Government to bring about this development in a material way.

Speeches

The President had already announced that he intends to make a series of speeches. He said an announcement would soon be made as to dates and places.

Meanwhile, in London a Soviet scientist who recently visited the United States said today that America is "far behind" the Soviet Union in rocket techniques.

The statement was made by Prof. Anatoli A. Blagonravov, Soviet delegate to the recent international conference on rocket technology in Washington, earlier this month.

In an interview with a Russian (Promyshlennaya i Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta) publication.

"Not Bad"

A digest of the interview broadcast by Moscow Radio quoted Blagonravov as saying: "In rocket technique the U.S.A. is not doing badly, but it is far behind the U.S.S.R."

He said some American methods such as the launching of experimental rockets from helium balloons were "undoubtedly of interest" but added:

"This method is cheap but has other disadvantages." Blagonravov, who was in Washington when the Russians launched their Sputnik, said the Americans assembled there "became so affable (after the launching) that they provided facilities for viewing their own satellite, although only in a haste — at a gallop, as it were."

He said that while American scientists planned to launch their first experimental satellite in December, "There are grounds for doubting this as the U.S. scientists are meeting with difficulties with their carrier-rockets which are still in the experimental stage." — United Press and Reuters.

King Saud
Not To
Wed Ferial

Rabat, Lebanon, Oct. 30.

The Saudi Arabian Ambassador in Beirut, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Rubaili, today denied reports that King Saud was to marry Ferial, the 17-year-old daughter of the Lebanese Prime Minister, Rafiq Salih.

"All these reports are invented and have no basis of truth," he said. (The report that 55-year-old King Saud was to marry Ferial, 17, was widely cited in the Saudi Arabian Royal family in Beirut last weekend.) — Reuters.

Champion of the Show



All puffed up with pride is Stanfast, a Norwich Cropper pigeon, who won the Supreme Individual Trophy at the Dairy Show, Olympia, recently. —Keystone Photo.

Quake-Proof
Nuclear
Reactor
For Japan

London, Oct. 30.

A spokesman of the Atomic Energy Authority here said today it would not be difficult to modify Britain's Calder Hall Type of nuclear reactor to enable it to stand up to earthquakes.

He was commenting on a Tokyo statement that the reactor would be dangerous in Japan unless fitted with quake-proof equipment.

The statement was made by Mr Kenzaburo Takayama, director of the research institute of Japan's ministry of construction.

The Atomic Energy spokesman said the Japanese authorities had already inquired about this aspect of nuclear power stations, and had been told officially by British experts that satisfactory modifications could be made. —Reuters.

LUCKY LUCIANO
VANISHES
IN NAPLES

Paris, Oct. 30.

Italian-American ex-gangster, "Lucky" Luciano, has been found in the Italian resort of Montecatini after a several days absence from his Naples home.

The agreement would also enable Neo Leo, a political wing of Pathet Lao which has been having widespread success among the country people as a clandestine party, to organise openly, the observers said.

The agreement might also have a subtle influence on the countries on each side of the "neutral corridor," the observers said.

The call for reunification would also be increased in South Vietnam, they added. —Reuters.

TWO LAOS PRINCES SIGN A

TREATY THAT MAY
AFFECT ALL OF
SOUTH-EAST ASIA

Vientiane, Indo-China, Oct. 30.

A Royal and a rebel Prince have signed an agreement for the reunification of the Indo-Chinese State of Laos, which may have far-reaching importance for the future of South-East Asia, according to observers here.

The agreement comes before the National Assembly this week, with an even chance of being passed.

The reunified state, along with neighbouring Cambodia, would then form a neutral corridor stretching from South China to the Gulf of Siam.

The signatories, who are half-brothers, are Prince Souvanna Phouma, Prime Minister of the Royal Lao Government, and Prince Souphanouvong, leader of the Pathet Lao Communists.

Pathet Lao holds two northern provinces divided from the rest of the country since the 1954 Geneva Agreements which ended the Indo-China war.

The neutral corridor would not necessarily mean an extension of Communist military influence in the Gulf of Siam region.

Chinese Aid

An offer of enough Chinese aid entirely to replace American aid has been relayed to the Laos government through Pathet Lao.

The government may now feel free to accept some of this aid.

At present it is receiving almost exclusively American aid at the rate of between 40 and 50 million dollars a year.

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MILKLESS MANHATTAN

NEW YORK DRIVERS STAGE A STRIKE

New York, Oct. 30. Nearly 4,000 truck drivers walked off their jobs today in a strike that threatened to cut off half of the New York City area's 5,000,000-quart daily milk supply.

At last report, the union demanded a wage increase of 15 a week for three years with an extra 10 the first year for pensions and a welfare fund.

The industry responded with an offer of \$5.05 a week for the first year and a wage increase for the second year of a two-year contract. Union negotiators rejected the offer.

The present wage provides \$20.70 for Teamsters. Union members employed in plants and stores for truck drivers. —United Press.

Algeria: Rebels' Demand
For Independence

Tunis, Oct. 30. Algerian rebel leaders of the National Liberation Front (FLN) issued a communique after a conference in Tunis, maintaining their demand for independence as the first condition for a settlement of the Algerian problem.

The communique said the leaders maintained their offer for a negotiated peace, provided that the independence of Algeria was first recognised.

The communique expressed the wish that a conference be

Condition For
Settlement
Of The Crisis

tween the three Maghreb (Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria) countries should shortly be held to draw up a joint policy to speed up the achievement of Algerian independence.

The communique launched a solemn appeal to the United Nations to halt the Algerian war and accused France of consciously committing genocide.

FREE PEOPLE

The communique said that the FLN "Co-ordinating and Executive Committee" maintained the clear offer of a free people for a negotiated peace provided Algerian independence was previously recognised.

It went on: "If the French people plans to make further large-scale efforts to ensure the maintenance of colonial structures, which have been firmly condemned to extinction, they must know that the Algerian people have taken up arms because they intend to win freedom once and for all. They will not withdraw and nothing can lay them low."

"The war of extermination now being waged against them (the Algerian people) is capitalist and colonial, that is racial."

Israeli Bomb Attack:
INJURED MINISTER
ON THE MEND

Jerusalem, Oct. 30.

Doctors reported that Israel's Minister of Public Works was "steadily improving" today after suffering serious injury in a bomb attack in the Israeli Parliament yesterday.

Minister Moshe Shapira was one of five ministers, including Premier David Ben-Gurion, injured in the blast.

He was reported on the danger list last night with head and chest wounds, but a medical bulletin issued this afternoon said he had improved.

News of other injured ministers was also good. Ben-Gurion and Mrs Golda Meir, a Government spokesman said, had both been ordered to rest in bed for a few days to recover from their slight wounds.

ASSASSIN

The bomb which was tossed into the chamber yesterday was thrown by Moshe Druk, a young man later identified as a former patient in a mental hospital.

Amos Ben-Gurion, son of the Premier and Israel's Deputy Inspector General of Police said today that Druk was "a boy full of complex ideas."

Ben-Gurion said that when he saw his father in hospital last night, the Premier brushed aside enquiries after his health by saying: "It was nothing — forget it." —United Press.

Sputnik Is
Still
In Space

London, Oct. 30.

A British scientist predicted today that a flood of reports the Russian "Sputnik" space satellite has crashed would shortly begin circulating.

Professor A.C.B. Lovell, head of the Jodrell Bank Observatory near Manchester, which has been tracking the satellite with its huge radio telescope, said today that many bright meteors currently moving towards the earth.

"Plenty of people will probably see them streaking through the sky and assume that the satellite has crashed," he said. "My own view is that it will stay up for a very long time." —United Press.

and even religious, and unjust, and it must therefore fail." The communique said those supporting the European common market must not consider Algeria to be bound by treaties, accords or conventions undertaken by France or that France might undertake in the name of Algeria.

The communique urged the setting up of a "Sahara Front." —France-Press.

BULL FLIGHT
FOR TOREADORS

Huesca-Ovies, Spain.

Two highly publicised bull-fighters who were to perform at a village carnival here today, took one look at the outsize bulls, turned on their heels and fled.

The police combed the countryside and even the local cemetery in vain for the two toreadors, who were billed as "Ambrosio Rubio" and "Spontaneous." They were replaced at the last minute by a pair of local shoe-shine boys, avid bull-fighting fans, who donned the dazzling scarlet costumes and performed for an enthusiastic crowd.

At the last report, Ambrosio and Spontaneous had not been heard from, and the police said they probably were still running. —France-Press.

Adenauer
To Attend
Nato Talks

Bonn, Oct. 30.

The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, will take part in the NATO Council meeting in Paris in mid-December, usually reliable sources said here tonight.

Dr Adenauer will be accompanied by the Foreign Minister, Dr Heinrich Von Brentano, the Defence Minister, Herr Franz Josef Strauss, and the new Finance Minister, Dr Franz Eisel.

The sources said that Dr Adenauer would probably meet the British Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan, for talks in London in early December. Before going to Paris Dr Von Brentano would also go with him to London.

Dr Adenauer was invited to London by Mr Macmillan when he paid a visit to Bonn earlier this year. One subject of their London talks will be the reduction of British forces in Germany, the sources said.

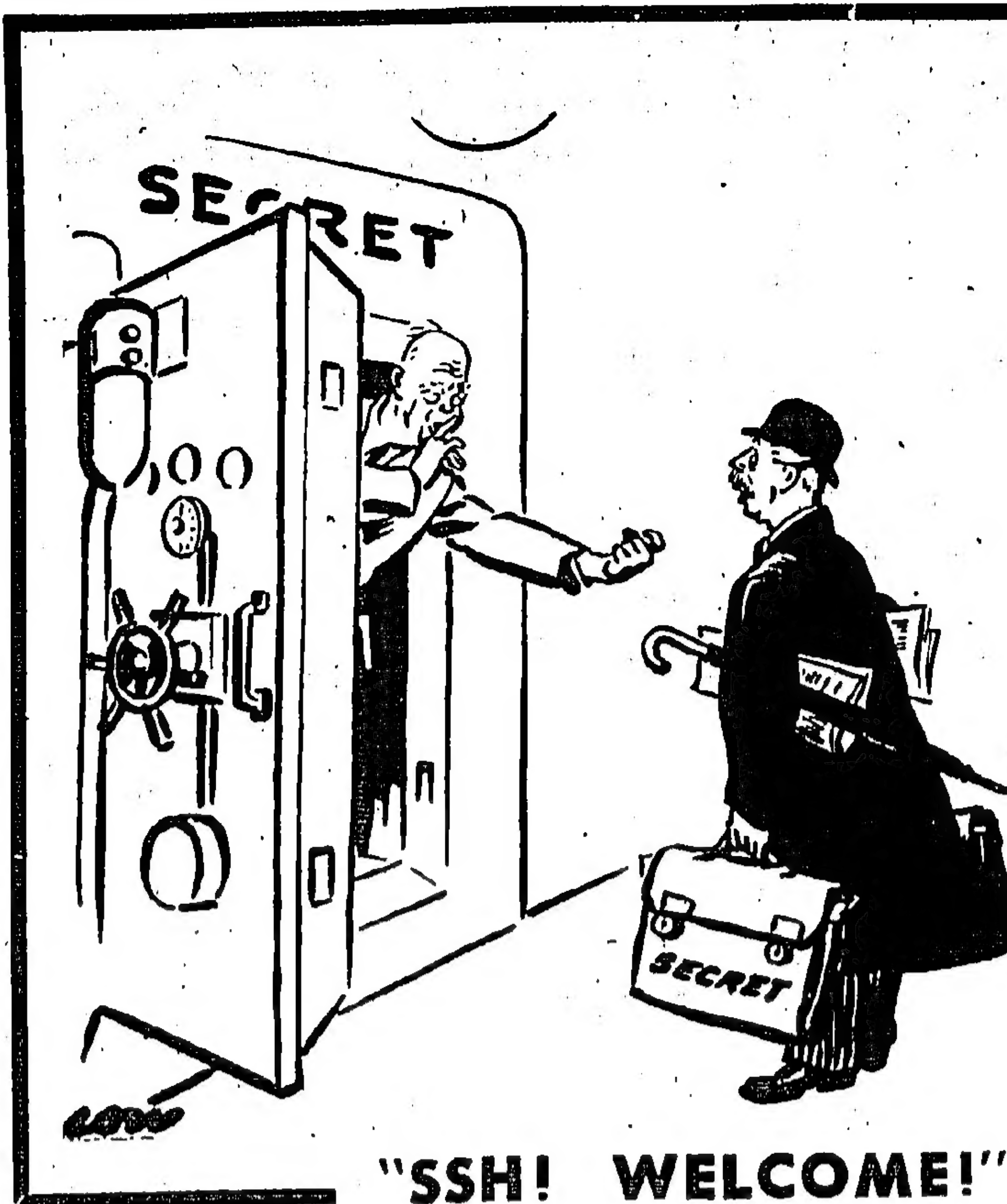
At the moment Britain is engaged in cutting the Army of the Rhine by 15,000 men. Britain is known to want to withdraw more men later, probably a further 15,000. —Reuters.

Compos Mentis

El Centro, California, Oct. 30.

Attorney Russell Yeager is one of the mental ward in Imperial County Hospital, but for a while it was a near thing for the visiting barrister.

Yeager asked admittance to the ward to talk with a client for 20 minutes, but was locked in for an hour until the nurse who forgot about him heard his yelling and banging. —United Press.



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DON IDDON'S DIARY

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES...
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COLD
SHOULDER AND THE WARMEST EMBRACE

WHEN Mr. Macmillan arrived here on Tuesday he got the warmest embrace and the sincerest handshake of his life. And though the bands were playing the National Anthem, the American tune should have been "Oh how I need you."

What a big change in a little year.

Just 12 months ago our friends here, headed by President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles, were giving us the frozen stare, the harsh rebuke, and a deluge of doubletalk.

During Suez, and afterwards, the handclasp across the sea was disengaged, Anglo-American relations nose-dived into angry wrangle and name-calling, and the Grand Alliance was split wide open.

More solid

THE Bermuda Conference in the spring was an attempt to remedy the illness plaguing the English-speaking nations, but there was more window-dressing than solid achievement.

Today, in the wake of the Queen's visit, we have Mr. Dulles saying: "We must have a closer alliance between America and Britain if we are to cope successfully with the new problem of the East."

And we have Mr. Eisenhower saying that he wants warmer, deeper, closer ties with Britain. Finally, we have even Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, chief American delegate to the United Nations, who joined Russia in condemning British and French action in Suez, saying: "Anglo-American friendship is the cornerstone of Western policy."

You will pardon a few people if they are going around saying "I told you so."

Mr. Khrushchev can be thanked to some extent for driving the British and Americans into each other's arms again.

His threats on Turkey and his boasts about the satellite,

Today they know it... They can't do without Britain

I am sure that Mr. Eisenhower and the Queen never discussed the missile.

I am not so sure that Mr. Eisenhower and Prince Philip didn't.

But, anyway, it is plain that Mr. Eisenhower's emergence from his long slumber took place during the Queen's visit. During the past few days, demonstrated by the warmth of their welcome, the Americans have recognised the British Crown as a solid bulwark in a shifting, dangerous world.

Here is something symbolising continuity to hang on to.

Closing ranks

AND so we have the editor of the New York Times, probably the world's most influential newspaper, and certainly the most comprehensive, writing: "This is a time to stand together."

"We draw closer to the mother country in our hour of need just as she draws closer to us."

Something new has happened to America and Americans.

For the first time in a long time I find them bitterly self-critical and admitting openly that they have taken a licking from the Russians.

It has been a bad year for American prestige in the world. I believe that the Queen's visit has helped to restore America's flagging spirits.

In fact the Royal Tour has done everyone here so much good we think there ought to be more of them.

How about Princess Margaret? She has trekked around most of the globe... why not this continent?

Who is against the visit? Who has blocked it?

Princess Margaret wants to visit America, and Canada, too, and my friends in the royal party say that she will be coming. Well, the sooner the better.

We are fortunate in Washington in our Ambassador, Sir Harold Caccia, the best we have had for a long time.

We also have excellent men in D'Arcy Edmondson, Director-General of Information Services; Major Bill Ormerod, who knows as many American big names as Lisa Maxwell; Frank



LODGE
They told him so...

Mitchell, who is manfully trying to fill the place of the late Charlie Campbell; and the eloquent and distinguished John Peck, head of British Information Services in New York.

Let's be firm

I FEEL, however, that our Embassy, information, and propaganda—let's use the word

bluntly—officials are still on the defensive.

Even now, when Britain has so many cards in her hand, when American short-sightedness regarding the Middle East has been exposed, many of our spokesmen are saying: "We must handle the Americans carefully. We must play it gently."

We should play it boldly and aggressively.

I see no harm in a little gentle ribbing of our American chums about the collapse of their Middle Eastern policy, a reminder of what they were saying a year ago and a reminder that if there had been free and full pooling of scientific data there would be a British and American sprinter circling in space, not one stamped "Made in the U.S.S.R."

As an observer of the American scene for more than 20 years, it is just possible that my advice is worth considering.

Dear Mr. Macmillan and Dear Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, speak up for Britain this time.

A quiet funeral ON THE WATERFRONT

ALBERT Anastasia, master hoodlum, was buried in New York on Monday, a victim of the type of gangland murder which became his trademark.

It was a quiet funeral, by gangland standards. Following almost private services in a family-size funeral chapel, the bullet-riddled body of the former "Lord high executioner of Murder, Inc." was interred in a non-sectarian cemetery in a modest US\$900 steelcasket.

The plush Hollywood-like production usually associated with a gangland funeral was missing—the blocks-long lines of shiny black limousines, the endless truck-loads of wreaths such as costing thousands of dollars, the swarms of underworld "Pals" dressed in US\$300 suits and US\$50 silk shirts coming to shed tears (some of sorrow, some of relief) over the mortal remains of a man who climbed to the top of their profession, leaving the bodies of at least 83 victims in his wake.

Anastasia's family apparently planned to seek a religious funeral, although he was raised in the Roman Catholic faith and has a brother, Rev. Salvatore Anastasia, who labours modestly and devoutly as a parish priest.

Albert Anastasia, cut down by paid killers at the age of 55 despite his often-expressed vow "I'll die in bed," was born Umberto Anastasio in Tropea, a fishing village in the province of Calabria, South Italy. He was the son of a struggling railroad worker, who toiled grimly to feed his family of 12 children.

Umberto and three of his eight brothers went to sea in their early teens. He brawled his way through some of the world's toughest ports before jumping ship at the age of 15 in New York in 1917 to carve a niche for himself in crime.

He took a job on the Brooklyn Docks, but soon found that wrestling cargo was beneath his talents.

The racket lords of the waterfront, always on the lookout for a ruthless "Enforcer," were making plans to grab the easy money they saw in the oiling with Prohibition. Umberto Anastasio, already known as a tough brawler, was a natural choice.

He Americanised his name to Albert Anastasia and launched a career, as a "Persuader," for mobsters. He learned early

Anastasia was now a big man in the rackets. He was highly regarded by the top mobsters—Frank Costello, Joe Adams, Al Capone, Lucky Luciano, the Morrell Brothers. In his climb he had become a pter super-intendant, a strategic job in keeping close tabs on the dock rackets. He wrested control of six local unions of the International Longshoremen's Association.

With the end of Prohibition in 1933, the top leaders of gangland decided that inter-mob friction that usually ended in bloodshed should be abolished. The best way to do this, they thought, was to form a syndicate and apportion "Territories" among their members. They realised that all elements would not always abide by decision of the syndicate's board of directors, and for this reason the organisation would need its enforcement arm.

Anastasia was the man selected to head this strongarm squad, with Abe (Kid Twist) Reles as his top lieutenant.

From 1934 until 1940, when Reles was arrested and turned informer in an effort to win a lighter sentence, police credited Anastasia's squad of "Persuaders" with 83 killings, of which Reles said Anastasia personally ordered 32, including those of two longshoremen who died trying to lead rank-and-file revolts, against racketeers in dock unions. Anastasia's kill-for-pay gunmen had won the label of "Murder, Inc." and Anastasia was reportedly proud of his title of "Lord high executioner."

Authorities believed that at last they had a "perfect case" against Anastasia.

"He was entrusted with all the murders, official murders, of the underworld committed in Brooklyn," said William O'Dwyer, then prosecuting attorney in Brooklyn. "No mob murder was committed in Brooklyn without Anastasia's permission and approval."

But he was never brought to trial. In November, 1941, Reles plunged eight floors to his death from a hotel room despite a police guard posted outside his door.

A grand jury which reviewed the case in 1945 opted that O'Dwyer had enough evidence to convict Anastasia without Reles, but the lawyer maintained that his "perfect case" went out the window with "Kid Twist" and never asked an indictment.

In 1942 Anastasia found a perfect refuge from the annoying police. He enlisted in the Army. Army authorities learning his identity, notified New York Police. But came the startling reply that New York had no interest in one of its top hoodlums.

It was revealed later that O'Dwyer's chief clerk, James Moran, had ordered a "Wanted" card on Anastasia lifted from police files and destroyed. Moran is presently serving a prison sentence on an extortion charge.

Anastasia trained with an infantry division, but was transferred before the unit was shipped off to war. He served as instructor to train troops to work as longshoremen before he obtained an honourable discharge as sergeant in 1944 because of his age, 42.

Anastasia was quick to take advantage of a war-born giving servicemen preferential treatment in becoming American citizens. Later attempt to void the naturalisation on grounds that Anastasia had concealed a criminal record in making citizenship application came to naught.

As a citizen, Anastasia donned the cloak of a respectable businessman. He became partner in a Pennsylvania dress manufacturing company and acquired a handsome US\$75,000 Spanish-style home in Fort Lee, New Jersey, overlooking upper Manhattan from across the Hudson River.

But police said he was still steeped in the rackets—the waterfront, trucking, gambling, narcotics... the works. He continued to live as a criminal big shot—frequented the plush resorts, the race tracks, and living behind a seven-foot fence topped by barbed wire with two fierce Doberman Pinschers guarding the seven-acre estate against intruders.

by John McNutt



Picture shows from the left: Harry Bradshaw, Christy O'Connor, Ken Bousfield, and Mr. L. Goldman (who was at the airport to meet them) and Dai Rees. — China Mail Photo.

Milan FC To Meet Glasgow Rangers In European Cup

Zurich, Oct. 30. Milan FC beat Rapid Vienna 4-2 in their reply here today to qualify to meet Glasgow Rangers, the Scottish Champions, in the first round proper of the European Soccer Cup competition.

Milan and Vienna had finished level 0-0 on aggregate after home and away games in the preliminary round, so the replay was staged on a neutral ground.

The match, in which Milan led 2-1 at halftime, was played in foggy conditions before a crowd of 24,000. Play was fast, keen and robust.—Reuter.

Quick Promotion

What a week for Flying Officer Emlyn Jones of the RAF (Hilton). He was a humble member of London Welsh Rugby fifteen when out of the blue he was picked simultaneously for Buckinghamshire and East Midlands. Next day London Welsh picked him for their senior hockey's job against Richmond.

Sports Diary

TODAY

1st Division: Kitching v. Kwong Wah (China) Army v. Eastern (BS) both meetings at 5 p.m.

Reserve Division: Club v. CAA (Navy) 5 p.m.

TOMORROW

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GOALS GALORE

They do things in a big way in the Bolton Sunday Schools League (Lancs). Geoff Farnworth, centre-forward of Vaillets, for instance, has scored 100 goals for each of the last five seasons. And just to keep the heat on, Johnny Cummings, rival centre-forward in the same League for Ancoats Arsenal, banged in four goals in just two minutes in a 15-3 win. He got time and his side has 29 in their last three games.

British Golfers Arrive Here For Exhibition Games

Four British golfers, after competing in the Canada Cup tourney, arrived here by JAL from Tokyo this morning to play a series of exhibition games in Hongkong.

Following these matches, the golfers will travel to Singapore, Malaya and Calcutta at the invitation of the golf clubs of those places to give exhibition games.

Dai Rees, captain of the Ryder Cup team, said this morning that the standard of the Japanese golfers was very good. It was no surprise, he added, as the Japanese played very well in the United Kingdom last year.

DRASTIC CHANGES PLANNED FOR NEXT OLYMPIC GAMES

Team Awards For Three Events Eliminated

By VERNON MORGAN

London.

The 1960 Olympic Games in Rome are beginning to take shape. Members of the Italian Organising Committee returned from the 53rd Congress of the International Olympic Committee in Sofia with a blueprint by the heads of the Olympic movement of what is expected of them.

In Sofia, the Organising Committee laid before the International Olympic Committee details of their planning. The decisions taken there mean that alterations to the envisaged programme will have to be made.

The team awards for three sports, cycling, equestrianism and modern pentathlon, have been eliminated. Two of the shooting events have been cancelled. The number of competitors for the modern pentathlon has been limited. The number of participants in the gymnastic events has been reduced. The athletic and swimming federations have been asked to try to cut down the number of their entries, and the canoeing events have been cut from nine to seven.

No Changes

Though there will be no changes in the actual sports to be contested, of which there will be 19, the modifications laid down by the International Olympic Committee should have the effect of reducing the number of gold medals by ten and reducing the number of competitors by more than 500. The Organising Committee will doubtless be thankful for the latter because at one time it looked as though they were going to have to accommodate more than 6,000 competitors.

The Organising Committee for the 1960 Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley in California also told the International Olympic Committee in Sofia of their plans for the Winter Games.

They succeeded in getting the best deal taken out of the programme. This will mean a great saving for them for they have no bob-run and to build one would have cost not less than 750,000 dollars (over 2,500,000). The money thus saved will be put towards the cost of bringing the teams to California.

Otherwise the Winter Olympic Games will be very much like those of 1955, when they were held at Cortina d'Ampezzo in the Dolomites. Their duration and the exact dates when they will be held have yet to be fixed.

The ancient Scottish sport of curling will be one of the two demonstration events. The other will be dog-sledding, a sport peculiar to North America.

Immediately it was announced that bobbed was to be removed from the Squaw Valley programme, three other noted Winter Sports centres, La Placid (United States), St. Moritz (Switzerland), and Garmisch-Partenkirchen (Germany) quickly applied to hold this Olympic event.

The Same Area

The International Olympic Committee, however, declined their offers, pointing out that they had ruled that all Olympic events were to be held in the same area. They had made an exception last year when they allowed the Equestrian Olympic events to be staged in Stockholm away from the Melbourne Olympic Games, but they had no intention of ever allowing this to happen again.

While it would have been possible for the all-powerful International Olympic Committee to have radically altered the programme for Rome and Squaw Valley, they were more concerned with the broad outline for Olympiads further ahead. Revolutionary changes may, therefore, be expected in the 1964 Games.

Where these will be is not yet known. A decision will not be taken until 1959, when the Committee holds its 55th Congress in Monaco.—China Mail Special.

Hongkong FA Soccer Fixtures For Nov. 9-10

NOVEMBER 9

Club v. South China, Club, 4 p.m. Ref. W. Weavings. Lines. T. McLoughlin/B. W. Middleton. T. Wah v. R.A.F. Caroline Hill, 4 p.m. Ref. S. U. Woo. Lines. F. J. Kirkham/Luk Tat-sun.

Jardine v. Kwong Wah, Boundary St., 4 p.m. Ref. R. Marsden-White. Lines. K. W. Dalgetty/F. A. Barretto.

Club v. South China, Club, 2.30 p.m. Ref. S. V. Kwok. Lines. K. Moreton/J. W. Christon.

2nd Div.

South China v. Prisons, Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m. Ref. B. Douglas. Lines. Y. C. Ma/Tsang King-hong.

Gymnastic v. St. Joseph's, Boundary St., 2.30 p.m. Ref. Digby Lee. Lines. F. R. Prattell/J. Moore.

RAF Sal Wan v. Aircraft, H.V. 2.30 p.m. Ref. Lai Shiu-wing. Lines. Wong King-chung/C. Brereton.

REME v. Telephone, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. George Jor. Lines. W. S. Campbell/Li Fook-on.

3rd Div.

Kln. Godown v. Mercantile, H.V. 2.30 p.m. Ref. Wong Wah-kay. Lines. Yu Long-kin/Chan Man-chung.

Rediffusion v. Wayfoong P.S.A., H.V. 2.30 p.m. Ref. Wong Yuk-chun. Lines. H. N. Tam/Wong Kam-fai.

Dodwell v. S. & S. Tamar, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. Tso Hon-ah. Lines. Cheung Hon-kee/A. D. Morse.

University v. Happy Valley, H.V. 4 p.m. Ref. Ng Yue-wai. Lines. Cheung Tang-sun/Lai Kin-chung.

NOVEMBER 10

1st Div.: Kitching v. Eastern, Club, 4 p.m. Ref. Mak Yeung-fai. Lines. F. J. Kirkham/F. R. Prattell. Sing Tao v. Police, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m. Ref. G. H. Pritchard. Lines. R. Gray/R. Morrison.

KMB v. CAA, Boundary St., 4 p.m. Ref. R. Webb. Lines. E. Darbyshire/F. J. O'Brien.

Army (bye).

2nd Div.

Kitching v. Eastern, Club, 2.30 p.m. Ref. Lee Tak-kee. Lines. Luk Tai-sun/Cheung Yan-sing. Sing Tao v. Police, Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m. Ref. Li Ping-pul. Lines. B. W. Middleton/R. Morrison.

KMB v. CAA, Boundary St., 2.30 p.m. Ref. Lee Kan-chi. Lines. Chun Shiu-chuen/P. Manson.

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Talkoo v. R.A.M.C., H.V., 2.30 p.m. Ref. W. H. Lau. Lines. Y. C. Ma/Tsang King-hong.

Navy v. Caroline Hill, H.V., 2.30 p.m. Ref. A. A. James. Lines. Wong King-chung/Ng Chun-wing.

Tramways v. C & W, H.V., 4 p.m. Ref. Liu Ting-kai. Lines. W. S. Campbell/Mak Hin-tsang.

Watsons v. R.U.L., H.V., 2.30 p.m. Ref. Yau Wah-ling. Lines. Hau Sik-wai/Chu Che-shing.

CMB v. South China, H.V., 4 p.m. Ref. P. Phillips. Lines. Choy Wing-chuen/Lee Sum.

CAT v. A.S., H.V., 4 p.m. Ref. Tsang Nai-bun. Lines. Lau Kin-ming/Chu Kam-sing.

Amazing Revival Transforms Struggling Swindon Into A Bright Promotion Prospect

By JAMES CONNOLLY

London.

The amazing revival which has transformed struggling Swindon Town into a bright promotion prospect brings extra cash for the first-teamers.

Swindon aren't a wealthy club. The new £17 maximum wage above them.

But they said to the players: "You pull in the crowds and you will share the profits." On a basic £15 a week, the players get another pound if the gates are over 10,000 and the maximum if they top 12,000.

But it isn't only the cash reward that has revitalised Swindon. Manager Bert Head put his boys through a tough month of pre-season training.

Before a ball was kicked in the League Swindon were geared to match fitness with 10 practice games behind them.

He told his directors that enthusiasm stemming from the boardroom would spread right through the club. Chairman Bill Castle responded immediately and organised a night out for the players, officials, and directors as a gesture of appreciation.

The financial picture is much brighter and the club could clear off all debts this season.

Brief Visit

Pablo Amandola, top South American coach, will join Barry Town, the struggling Southern League side, later this season.

Here on a brief visit Pablo, former manager of star Buenos Aires teams River Plate and Boca Juniors, plans to return to Barry in the new year.

Why does he pick a team near the bottom of the Southern League? Pablo happens to be a good friend of Barry chairman John Bailey.

He wants to work with a British club and study our methods. Barry manager Harry Haslam will give him the chance.

Stanley Cullis, one of Soccer's most progressive managers, would like to see British League teams free to import world-class stars from Spain and Italy. This was his reaction after watching his Wolves like Real Madrid, 3-2.

"Real Madrid is the finest team I have ever seen," he told me.

"If only we could sign players like Di Stefano from abroad."

He ranks with the greatest of all time. It would bring glamour to the game here."

It's a grand idea—but the snag is that under present FA regulations a foreign player has to have a two-year residential qualification before he can sign as a pro.

David Groombridge, the Leyton Orient goalkeeper, and Northampton left winger, Tommy Fowler, have asked for transfers. Both requests have been granted.

Top Goal Scorer

Tommy Johnston, the 30-year-old Scot, who, at inside left, is top goal scorer in the Football League, has twice asked Leyton Orient manager Les Gore to switch him back to his old centre-forward job.

"Tommy said he preferred playing in the middle," Gore told me.

"I pointed out that goal scoring was his main job and that if he could get them from inside-left what was the point in moving?"

"Tommy saw my argument and now he's quite happy to stay inside."

Happiest moment of the season came for Chelsea manager Ted Drake the other week when the specialists told him that Frank Blunstone, his young international left winger,

BITTER BIT

Jimmy Seddon, centre-half of Bolton Wanderers—in their three Wembley Cup Final triumphs had an operation in Southport Hospital for foot trouble, and the member of the staff who gave him his pain-killing injection was a left half when Seddon was his trainer at Southport T.C.

who broke a leg twice between January and August this year, would definitely play football again.

"I never doubted that Frank would come back, but it was wonderful to have my opinion confirmed so quickly," Ted told me.

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Shah Of Iran To Open World Lifting Championships

Tehran, Oct. 30. On Friday, November 8, the Shah of Iran will declare open the World Weightlifting Championships which are being held this year in Tehran.

The contests involving 25 nations will take place in a brand new 3,000 seat stadium to be inaugurated on this occasion with the name of the Iranian sovereign, Mohammed Reza Shah Pahlavi.

This is the first time the Weightlifting Championships take place on the Asian continent and individual and team titles of "Champions of Asia" will also be awarded.

The President of the Iranian Weightlifting Federation, Majid Bakhtiar, cousin of Empress Soraya, has obtained authorisation for such titles from the World Weightlifting Federation.

Bakhtiar expects about 300 athletes, trainers and spectators to descend on Tehran for the games and will be assisted in his organisational chores by Odeh Saberi, of the Council of Sporting Federations of the British Empire.—France-Press.

BLACKPOOL TO PLAY IN HONGKONG

15 Players To Make Trip

London, Oct. 30.

Blackpool, the English First Division Club, will tour Australia and the Far East during the next close season, and may also play a match in New York, the Chairman of the Club, Mr Albert Hindley, announced today.

Once financial agreement has been reached with the promoter, Australian Jack Skolnik, the details will be settled. Mr Hindley said "The directors approved the tour by an unanimous vote. A party of 18, including 15 players, will make the trip, and will be away for six weeks. They will travel by air, playing in Australia, Hongkong, and Singapore, and New York on the way home."

Mr Skolnik originally invited Stanley Matthews, the most famous English footballer, to make the tour, with a team of young players chosen by Matthews himself. Matthews, having obtained permission from the Football Association to make the trip, placed the suggestion before the Blackpool board that the entire club should be sent.—France-Press.

Scrappy Police Side Triumph Over HK Signals In Friendly Rugger

By "PAK LO"

Last night's game certainly seemed to prove what many people have already begun to suspect. Namely that the Police have become a second-half XV. Once again a rather scrappy Police side trilled 3-0 at half time, then with a last 15 minutes burst they knocked up twenty points to finish the game the victors by 20 points (4 goals) to 6 points (2 tries) over the HK Signal Regiment.

Until the Police put in their burst it was not a very good game. Both sets of three lobbed the ball instead of passing, and Slevin of the Police kicked far too much in the first half.

Black again played like a demon but his passing could have been a lot crisper, for too often it was way up in the air. Johnstone had a good game, and seemed to be getting back to his old form.

Certainly his place kicking left little to be desired. Linnell, the Signals full back, played a very steady game, and positioned himself beautifully throughout, and with his strong punting would be an asset to any side.

An Error

He made only one error and that was to kick a loose ball between his own goal line and the dead ball line over the latter when he could and should have dropped on it to touch down.

The resulting five yard scrum gave the Police pack played much better than the Signals in the loose, and while the Signals won the scrums and the Police the lineouts in the first half the position was reversed in the second half. McCourt of the Signals played well, but towards the end the attentions of Black made his passing a little slipshod.

The first score came from a scrum on the Police 25. The Police fumbled the ball and Rawlinson got it and cut through to score near the posts. No conversion, 3-0.

In the second half the Police kicked ahead from a penalty and Linnell gathered, ran upfield and then passed in to Rawlinson. The latter broke through and sent McCourt over in the corner. No conversion, 6-0. Then with fifteen minutes of the second half gone the Police sprang into life and attacked. There was a scrum just in front of the posts about five yards from the Signals' line and the Police heeled and Black grabbed the ball and whipped through on the open side for a nice try. Johnstone converted, 6-5. Seconds later Shelley kicked

ahead and Linnell hacked it on across his own dead ball line. There was a five yard scrum which the Police won, but the ball went loose and Slevin hacked it over the line and just beat the defence to the touch down. Johnstone converted, 10-0.

Midfield Play

The Signals had play in midfield for a while but ten yards inside the Signal's half there was a lineout and Forsythe got the ball, crashed first through the opposing lineout then crashed his way through the Signals defence to run round and score near the posts. Johnstone converted, 16-0.

Finally, with the Police forwards obviously superior, the Signal's defence were caught in possession and Miller got the ball and passed inside to Shelley who scored under the posts. Johnstone converted, 20-6.

This was a good rally by the Police but I still feel that they left it late and against a stronger team they could have lost.

In the curtain raiser the 1st Royal Tanks upset the favoured Green Howards to win by 6 points (2 tries) to 3 points (1 penalty goal).

Shamrock Statuette

Two League footballers are keeping their fingers crossed. Eire internationals are presented with a handsome silver statuette when they complete 25 appearances for their country. Arthur Fitzsimmons, Middlesbrough inside-left, needs two more "caps" to qualify for the award and should get it this season, but Tommy Eglington, with only one more selection needed, may have missed his chance by moving from First Division Everton to Third Division Exeter Tramers. Only a possession of statuettes are Johnny Carey Blackburn manager, and Peter Farrell, new Tranmere player-manager.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



Four Golfers Tie For Leadership In San Diego Open Tourney

San Diego, Oct. 30. The professional golfers ripped the Mission Valley Country Club apart today in the first round of the \$20,000 San Diego Open Tournament and when the firing ceased, 64 out of 137 starters had cracked pine and four were tied for the leadership with seven-under-par 65s.

The boys who finished early got all the breaks—because it started to rain just before noon and by nightfall the greens and fairways were slushy.

Today's leaders turned out to be Arnold Palmer, 34-31; Charles Sifford, the Negro shot-maker from Philadelphia, 32-33; Don Whit, 34-31, and Bob Rosburg, with 31-34.

This is not a pushover course. It is 6,716 yards long and usually is played against the prevailing Pacific winds. But there was dead calm today and the shot-makers took advantage of it.

But even with seven-under-par, the leaders were not pulling away from the field. There were three tied at 66: Doug Ford, 33-33; Lloyd Mangrum, 35-31; and Fred Hawkins, 33-33.

—United Press.

DECEMBER 4 A BIG DAY FOR ITALIANS

EARLY RISERS



Australian jockey Rae Johnstone (centre) with Kenny Kwok, current Hongkong Champion Jockey, and Peter Plumby after early morning workouts at Happy Valley yesterday morning.—China Mail Photo.

He Overcomes Handicaps

Pet Edwards has just signed amateur forms for Walsall. In his 17 years this left winger has had to overcome some big handicaps to play the game he loves. At four he suffered paralysis, but at nine he was playing schoolboy football. At thirteen he had a cartilage operation, but at fifteen he was in the Wolverhampton Amateur League. There was a long lay-off with a broken toe, followed by a burst blood vessel, but now young Pat seems set for a rosy future. He deserves it.

Their Highly Paid Stars Go To Ireland In Search Of A World Cup Place

By DEREK JOHN

London.

A red circle marks the date "December 4" on every Italian Soccer fan's calendar. It is the day Italy's highly paid football stars go to Ireland in search of a World Cup place.

Whether or not the Italians go to Sweden next summer for the final rounds rests largely on the performance of Danny Blanchflower and his fighting footballing Irish side.

At present it seems more than a possibility that Italy will fail to qualify for the first time in their soccer history.

If so it would be the sort of blow that brings Governments down: real tragedy for a country that lives football, has twice won the World Cup, and considers the Irish, by comparison, to be one of European Soccer's very poor relations.

That's why the Italian team to visit Belfast will probably bear about as much resemblance to a genuine Italian side as a half-back line consisting of the Brothers Kuratnikov.

To reinforce their teams the Italians have never yet hesitated to stretch the rules of qualification almost to breaking point.

On December 4 they are likely to field the two forwards who scored URUGUAY'S winning World Cup goals against Brazil in 1950: Juan Schiaffino and Chico Ghigaglia.

Schiaffino went to Italy at a £70,000 fee in 1954, and after a few months in the Milan attack was turning out in Italian colours against the Argentine.

Double Passport

Like Ghigaglia, like England's Toni Marchi, like the brilliant little Argentine, Michelangelo Montuori, he holds a double passport—and that's good enough for the Italian selectors.

Both Ghigaglia and Schiaffino are now eligible to play under the fantastic Italian law which says that when a man has played three non-tournament games for Italy he can then be considered an Italian. The

logic of this is so obscure as to be invisible.

At left half the Italians can be relied upon to play Tony Marchi, despite the fact he only played for England's "B" team last season. And the former English League player, Eddie Firmani, already an Italian international, is a possible for the attack.

Ireland, who will qualify for Sweden if they win (they have nine points to Italy's two, but the Italians have a game in hand) can hardly be expected to take this lying down.

True, the Italians won the 1934 World Cup with three Argentinean cups in the side. But their 1957 selectors seem to have gone just a little too far in making the sort of rules that will suit them best.

The Italians seize the chance to turn the rules to their own advantage, but at least their tactics are quite understandable. Self-preservation is perhaps the most fundamental human instinct.

Not so understandable is a country which persistently handicaps itself in international contests. This, to my mind, is far more deplorable, since it

not only makes contests meaningless but lowers the standard. The country I am thinking of is England. Of course, they have a habit of trying a little too hard to "play the game," even at their own expense.

Take, for example, the suspension of Roger Becker, Britain's No 2 lawn tennis star, by the Surrey County Association. It arose from Becker's failure to appear for a county championship doubles match in July 1956.

Few people argued with the decision to punish him. But when the ban continued for months after month, a storm of criticism broke out to which the County Association turned a deaf ear.

Just Too Late

Now, after thirteen months, the ban has been lifted. But just too late for Becker to be able to play for country in this season's Davis Cup competition.

In July, Britain was knocked out of the contest by Belgium. If the ban on Becker had been lifted only two months earlier his inclusion in the team would probably have just turned the match in Britain's favour.

Becker paid a severe penalty for his foolishness. Britain paid an even worse penalty.

Now England have handicapped themselves again—by banning the sponge rubber table-tennis bat, a type favoured by several of their leading players.

The English Table Tennis Association failed to get sponge and similar materials barred at the last World Championships in Stockholm. But they have imposed an experimental veto in England. Their lead has been followed by only eight out of 71 countries affiliated to the International Federation.

The ITTA has well and truly blundered. And they have yet themselves quite a problem by ruling that a bat must have no fewer than 60 pimples to a square inch and no more than 330. Who will be their chief pimple inspector?

Table tennis is one of the few games played throughout the world. And it's high time that the authorities all got together and smoothed out the pimples and sponge business.

A Spot of Bother

A sport causing a spot of bother in present is horseracing. The Moscow newspaper "Soviet Culture" reveals that jockeys at Moscow's only racecourse have been "fixing" races.

Big-money betting men invite jockeys out to dinner, load them up with caviar and vodka, and then proceed to fix the next day's races.

The newspaper declares that racing is intended to improve the breed of horses, but adds that "the greatest attraction is not the horse, but the tote."

Thousands of people fill the stands during the season. Races are held three times a week. The writer draws a grim picture of small-income people who bet heavily and are forced into crime to pay their debts. He quotes the case of a department-store chief who embezzled £1,000 to square his gambling debts.

Many young workers and students frequented the course and "not only lose money, but also valuable time which could be devoted to studies, sports and art."

He urges the abolition of the tote to convert the course into "a healthy, cultural place of recreation."

(London Express Service.)

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CUP STARS

Rawdon Colliery and Burgess Products have reached the quarter-finals of the Leicestershire Senior County Cup. Yet they are only Second Division County League sides, and what is more neither of them has yet won a League match this season.

Irishmen Beaten 4-2 In Inter-League Match

Belfast, Oct. 30. The English Football League beat the Irish League 4-2 here tonight but their display was disappointing.

Their strong side had been expected to outplay the Irishmen, but only in the last 15 minutes did they get on top. Two late goals carried them to victory.

Irish hero was Tom Hamill, of Linfield, who broke up many attacks in a sterling performance at centre-half.

Johnny Haynes (2), Peter Bradbrook and Alan Acord scored for the English League. Irish scorers were Pat Ior and Steward Campbell, both of Glenavon.

Results of tonight's Association Football matches were: Inter-League Match.

Irish League 2, English League 4.

Representative Match

League Three South 2, League Three North 2.

Glasgow Cup—Semi-final.

Partick Thistle 3, Rangers 0.

Friendly Match.

Preston North End 1, Gwardia, Warsaw 2.—Router.

WRONG TURNING RIGHT RESULT

Aldridge Athletic set out in three cars to fulfil their fixture with Edington Methodists in the Sutton (Birmingham) League. One carload of four players got lost, and arrived five minutes from the finish. The other seven players carried on—goalkeeper, two backs, centre half, and three forwards—and gained a 5-2 victory!

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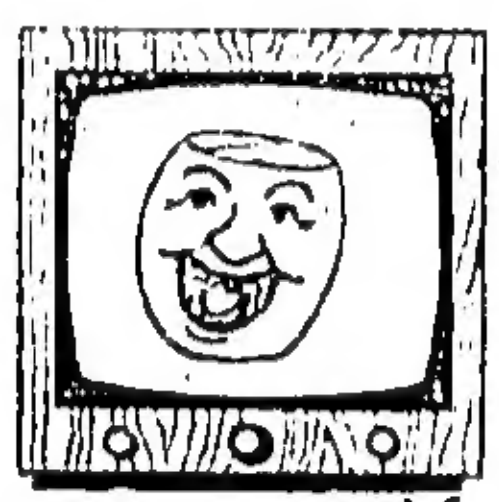
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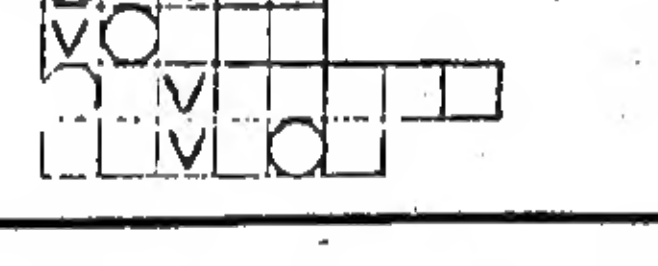
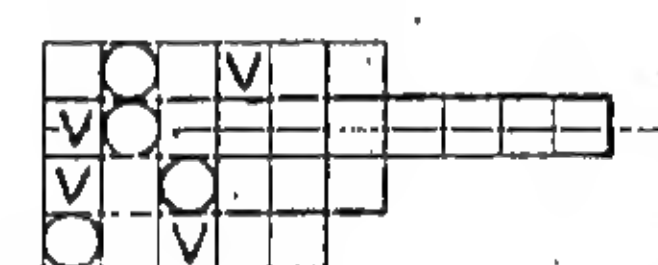
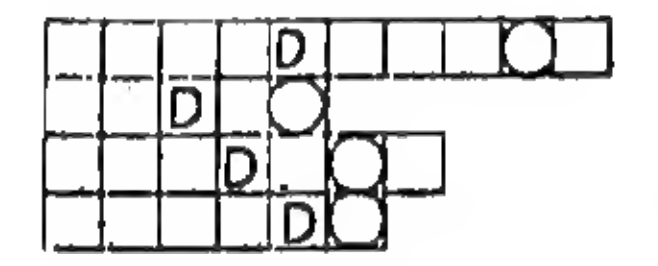
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NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



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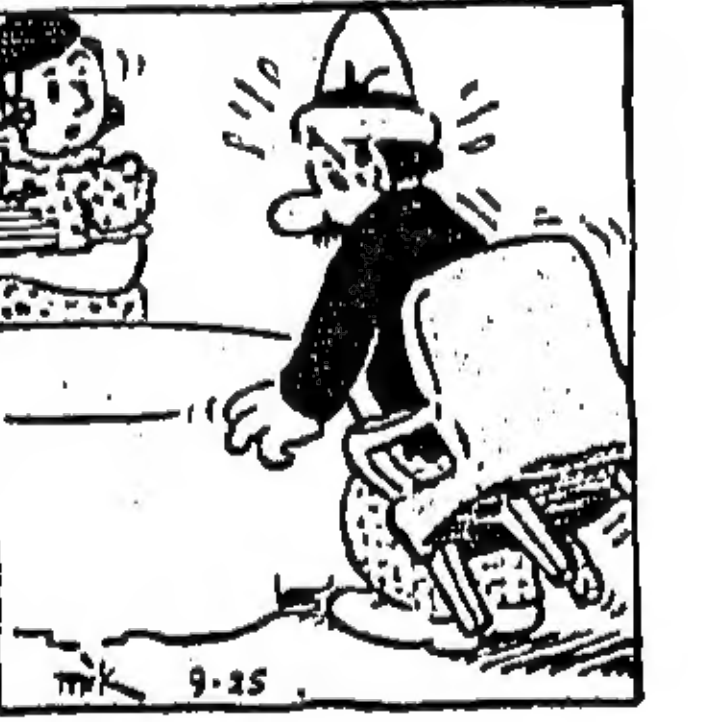
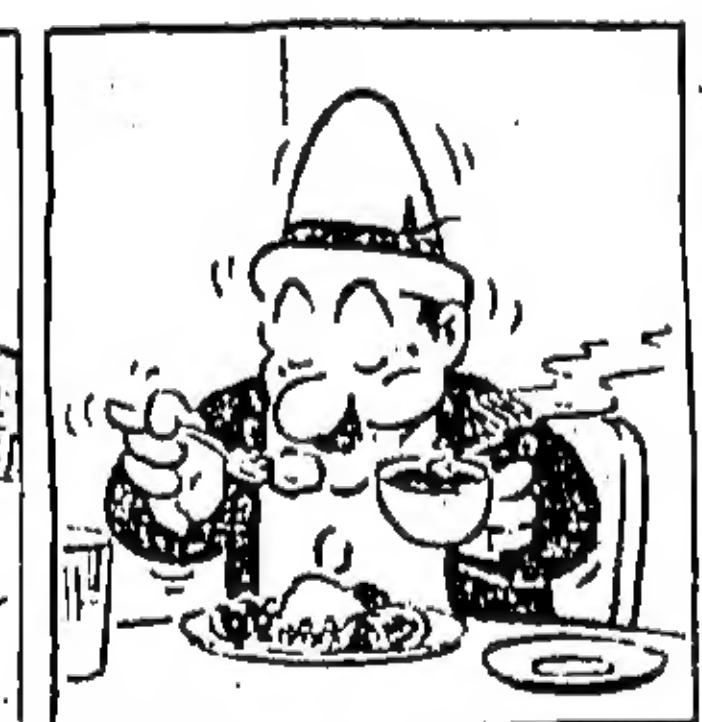
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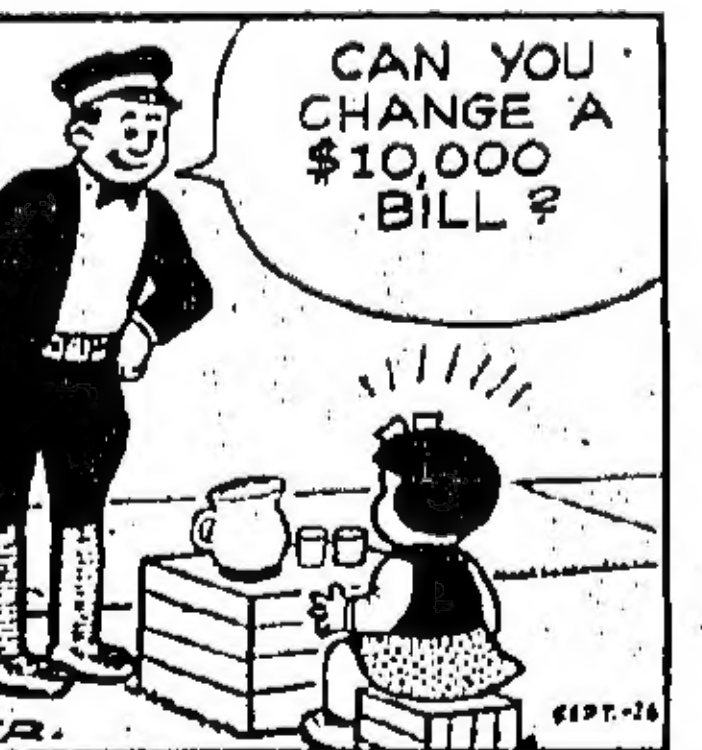
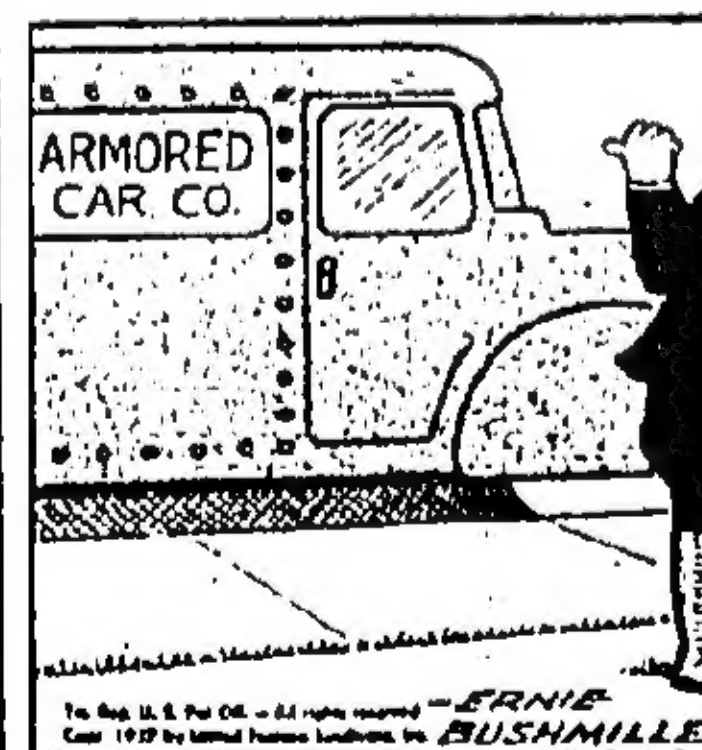
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NOTICE
In connection with the reconstruction of the Kam Tin Bridge, New Territories, Kam Tin Road will be closed to vehicular traffic from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 1st November, 1957. Vehicular traffic will be diverted via Lok Ma Chau Road. Traffic signs will be positioned and Traffic Officers will be on duty to advise motorists accordingly.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

The Hongkong & Yau-mat Ferry Co., Ltd.

Timetables for Ferry Services to Outlying District (In force on and after the 3rd November, 1957).

CHEUNG CHAU FERRY SERVICE	
Leaving HONGKONG for CHEUNG CHAU	Leaving CHEUNG CHAU for HONGKONG
8:30 a.m. (Direct)	4:00 p.m. (Via Aberdeen to Wilmer)
9:00 " (Via Ping Chau & S.M.B.)	4:45 " (Via S.M.B. & Ping Chau)
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11:00 " (Via Ping Chau & S.M.B.)	5:45 " (Via S.M.B. & Ping Chau)
12:30 p.m. (Direct)	6:15 " (Direct)
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3:45 " (Via Ping Chau & S.M.B.)	7:45 " (Via S.M.B. & Ping Chau)
5:00 " (Via Aberdeen from Wilmer St.)	8:15 " (Direct)
5:20 " (Via Ping Chau & S.M.B.)	8:45 " (Via S.M.B. & Ping Chau)
6:00 " (Direct)	9:15 " (Direct)
6:30 " (Direct)	9:45 " (Direct)

SILVERMINE HAY FERRY SERVICE	
Leaving HONGKONG for SILVERMINE HAY	Leaving SILVERMINE HAY for HONGKONG
9:00 a.m. (Via Ping Chau)	7:15 a.m. (Via Ping Chau)
10:15 " (Direct)	8:30 " (Direct)
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PING CHAU FERRY SERVICE	
Leaving HONGKONG for PING CHAU	Leaving PING CHAU for HONGKONG
9:00 a.m. (Direct)	7:40 a.m. (Direct)
11:00 " (Direct)	11:55 " (Direct)
1:45 p.m. (Direct)	2:40 p.m. (Direct)
3:45 " (Direct)	4:35 " (Direct)
5:20 " (Direct)	6:15 " (Direct)

* SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS only.
† SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS only.

Hongkong	2.00 p.m.	Tai O	7.00 a.m.
Kap Sui Mun	3.00 "	Tung Chung	8.00 "
Castle Peak	3.45 "	Castle Peak	8.45 "
Tung Chung	4.50 "	Kap Sui Mun	9.15 "
Arriving Tai O	5.30 "	Arriving Hongkong	10.20 "

SHIPPING

PIONEER OF THE SUPERTANKER

Daniel K. Ludwig has just placed the largest private shipping order in maritime history with his company's Kure Shipyard Division in Japan. The order is for five oil supertankers of 104,500 deadweight tons each, and the total cost is estimated at about \$45 million.

What makes the order unusually interesting is that it comes at a time of tanker surplus, when shipping and tanker freights generally are depressed. Furthermore, the oil companies themselves are surplus by substantial tonnage at the end of 1957, which they expect to increase throughout 1958. A recent statistical survey of the world's tanker situation states that the surplus of supertankers (20,000 tons and over) for the years 1957 to 1961 could be as much as 5.5 million tons.

LONG-TERM
Daniel Ludwig, along with other big independent tanker operators like N. Riches and Ch. Sals, is clearly staking his chances on a long-term future for supertankers and on the view that the oil companies are being too pessimistic.

The most interesting fact about the order of over 500,000 tons is that Ludwig has broken away from his normal policy of building oil/crude carriers.

When the present batch of tankers is delivered he will probably have the largest independent tanker fleet in the world. Now he has 1.3 million tons in operation, 1.2 million tons under construction, and another 832,000 tons planned.

It is not known whether the present order is part of this schedule. By 1962, however, his fleet should total a minimum of 3.4 million tons.

PERSONALLY OWNED
Ludwig is now 59. All his companies — they include National Bulk Carriers, Universal Tankships and Seafarers Inc. — are 100 per cent personally owned. The American-Elavall Steamship Company, in which he acquired a 59 per cent interest in 1955, is the one exception.

His interest in boats started at the age of nine, when he bought a 20 foot (6 meter) boat with \$70. By the time he was 18 — and after he had qualified as a marine engineer by going to night classes — he started on his first shipping venture.

In 1923 he formed American Tankers Corporation and bought a tanker. (Seventeen years later he sold it to N. Riches, who was just starting up in business.)

A year or so later he bought another tanker, which, at 14,000 deadweight tons, was at that time considered unusually large. A series of unfavourable charterers in a declining tanker market almost brought the company to its knees.

CHARTER INCOME
It was only in the middle thirties that Ludwig really began to make large profits. He secured a loan from the New York Chemical Bank and bought several Government-owned dry cargo vessels. After that, Ludwig began financing and operating by borrowing against future income; he secured loans on the guarantee of a charter.

The charter income was paid direct to the bank, which took its percentage and then deposited the rest to the owner's credit.

Though this was not a new method of financing, it was new in oil tankers and is now a standard method of financing tanker operations.

Ludwig differs from his Greek competitors in two important respects: he is known to be scrupulously economic (especially on the design and build of his ships) and, second, he has his own shipyard, at Kure in Japan.

After the war he emerged with an up-to-date tanker fleet. Put off by high labour costs in the United States and uncertain of Germany's political future, he cast around for a suitable country which would give him a good shipbuilding base.

He found what he wanted in Japan and in 1951 signed a five-year lease, with a five-year renewal option, for the Kure yard. Ludwig had to give certain guarantees.

Among them, he had to use Japanese labour exclusively, apart from a few supervisors; he had to build ships only for his own companies, and he had to guarantee to use 7,000 tons of Japanese steel each month.

FIRST YEARS
In the first three years Ludwig built four 30,000-deadweight ton tankers and one of 46,000 tons. In 1954 and 1955, after gaining a contract with United

States Steel for carrying its ore from its Cerro Bolivar project in Venezuela (which meant negotiating the Orinoco River), he launched three 80,000-deadweight ton ore carriers, closely followed by three carriers of 44,000-deadweight ton, together with a 30,000-tonner.

During the six years that the Kure shipyard has been operating it has launched 768,000 deadweight tons.

Ludwig pays as little as he can for labour, equipment and machinery. He has a reputation for buying his turbines, for example, from surplus Navy stores for a fraction of the price that he would pay in the market and then altering them to suit his needs.

While his wage and depreciation costs are still low by comparison with other countries, he is not, however, building his tankers as cheaply as is often supposed.

STEEL
He pays substantially more for steel than United States shipbuilders, and the United States machinery and equipment that he imports costs him something like an extra \$14 per ton in freight charges.

As steel and machinery represent about 80 per cent of his building costs at Kure, Ludwig is probably paying about an extra \$18 per ton. On the other hand, he does control his own yard, which uses nothing but preheating methods, and he is able to realise a very quick turnover in building.

Last year the Kure yard started building the Universe Leader (35,000 deadweight tons) in January and had her ready for her trial runs by September.

BAHRAIN'S NEW HARBOUR READY
Bahrain, Oct. 30.

Bahrain begins putting the finishing touches on its first deep-water harbour early next month.

When the work is completed, the Port of Manama will be able to provide six deep-water berths. The first two phases of this harbour-construction programme have been completed — dredging of a channel and basin and construction of a causeway to the edge of the water.

Early next month, as a feature of this "Development Week," construction of a pierhead on reinforced concrete cylinders commences. Eventually, according to present plans, there will be a short line railway connecting the deep-water berths to a pierhead for trans-shipment of goods.

PROJECT
Bahrain hopes to complete the whole project in the next few years.

The object is to encourage use of the port as a shipping centre for this Persian coastal region and, it is hoped, bring industry into the immediate vicinity.

Launching of the final phase of the Manama development plan is to be only one of the items on the agenda for "Development Week," planned to throw a spotlight on what little-known oil-rich Bahrain is doing in the fields of public health, education and commerce.

During the week, Bahrain will also open a new maternity hospital, a separate general-use hospital, a boy's school, an electric plant and two municipal buildings. —United Press.

BUOYANT GLASS FIBRE LIFEBOATS
London.

J. Samuel White and Co., of Charing Cross, London, has developed an 18 foot glass fibre reinforced plastic lifeboat, specifically designed to be carried in trollers and to be launched by a single-arm davit.

This design is now being fitted on board a number of trollers being built by the company.

The use of glass fibre reinforced plastic hulls for ships' lifeboats has now become accepted practice, but the new feature which distinguishes this design is the building into the hull structure of plastic foam buoyancy.

Each side bench is laminated over a solid block of rigid lightweight foam and this forms a box girder which imparts additional longitudinal strength to the boat.

BRITAIN TO REDUCE STEEL TARIFF

Six European Countries To Benefit

Luxembourg, Oct. 30.
Britain has announced that she will reduce her customs tariff on steel imports from 20 per cent to 10 per cent, an official spokesman said.

Mr Reginald Maundling, British Paymaster-General, who is leading a British delegation at a meeting of the Council of Association between Britain and the six-nation European Coal and Steel Pool here, announced the decision to the Pool's governing body, the High Authority. A High Authority spokesman said the agreement was evidence of Britain's intention to push towards the creation of a European free trade area in which tariff barriers will be progressively removed or reduced.

All Others
A conference source said: "This latest British gesture will benefit not only the six little European countries, but all other steel exporting countries, as well in keeping with Britain's insistence that non-discrimination in trade should be a fundamental principle of the proposed European free trade area."

Britain's offer to bring down its steel import duties was made during the meeting of the Council of Association earlier this year. The offer was subject to conditions. Britain insisted that the import duty level of the six Pool countries — France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg — should cover all charges similar to customs tariffs, such as "cessated duties."

The new common steel tariff of the Pool countries due to come into effect on February 10 is from eight to ten per cent. The High Authority informed Mr Maundling that the six governments had finally agreed to the British condition.

Agreement
The Council of Association is now putting the finishing touches to the final agreement, which will then be referred to the governments concerned. The Pool's Council of Ministers will then put the six governments' seal on the agreement at its next meeting early in November. The formal ratification of the agreement between Britain and the Pool is expected to take place later in November.

A Board of Trade spokesman said that customs rates at present vary from 15 per cent to 33 1/3 per cent on different types of iron and steel imports.

Under the new agreement, the rate would be ten per cent or a certain specific rate, varying with the import. For example, the tariff on pig iron would be 10 per cent or 12 1/2 per cent, whichever was the higher; on ingots 10 per cent or 13 1/2 per cent; on bars and rods 10 per cent or 14 1/2 per cent. These rates are all based on the existing price of steel. If the price altered much, they would have to be reconsidered. —China Mail Special.

STOCKS FIRM IN LONDON
London, Oct. 30.
Stocks firmed on the London Exchange today in moderate trading.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Peter Thorneycroft's pledge to maintain the pound at \$2.80 kept buoy market confidence somewhat.

INDUSTRIALS
Leading industrials showed a long list of small gains and losses. However, all shares met good demand, pushing Royal Dutch up more than 1 1/2 per cent, Shell, Burmah and British Petroleum all were strong.

Gold shares continued to rise. Gains of between one and two shillings were numerous in this group.

British Government bonds firmed higher. Foreign bonds were unchanged for the most part, although a few Japanese bonds lost around 1/2 or more.

AMSTERDAM
The rubber market was quiet. Prices in guilders per kilogram, 31 November as follows:
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